

NEWS FROM
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OR,
The Takeing of the Cruel
P I R A T E,
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A full and True Relation how Captain *Cewfiske*, alias *Dixon*, alias *Smith*, an *Irish-Pirate* took an *English Ship* of 500. Tuns called the *Saint Anne*, Laden with *Deals* from *Normandy* belonging to Captain *Shorter*, and putting 18. Men that they found aboard into a small *Boat* without food, *Compaſs* or *tackling*, barbarously exposed them to the mercy of the *Sea*, where they must certainly have *Periſh*, had not a *Dutch Ship* by *Gods* providence taken them up, and set them on *shore* in *Norfolk*,

AS ALSO

How they carried the said *Ship* into *Aberdeen* in *Scotland*, and borrowed 219. pound on her ladeing where she was soon after seized, And the said *Pirate*, and 13. of his men since taken neer *Lee*, and brought up to the *Marſhalſeas* in *South-warke*, where they now remain *Prisoners*.

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NEWS from SEA;

OR

The Taking of the Barbarous Pirate.

AMONGST all the rapacious violencies practised by wicked Men, there is scarce any more destructive to Society and Commerce then that of Piracy, or Robers of the Sea, whence in all Ages they have been esteemed, *Humani Generis hostes*, Publicke Enemies to Mankind whom every one was obliged to oppose and destroy, as we do Common vermine that Infest and trouble us. But this particular Art which lately happened, is aggravated by so many Circumstances as may render it superlatively wicked and abominable.

The Persons that Committed this Piracy were for the most part *Lib men*, Their Capta' *George Cenfickie*, alias *Dixon*, alias *Smith*, for by each of those Names he sometimes passed, he was one that long has followed the Trade as tis on probable grounds suspected, and tis said

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said not long since took some Ships in the same manner in the *West Indies*, He had a small well built vessel being an Excellent Sailer, which during the late Wars he Cruised up and down with on the Coasts of *Scotland* and took several good *Dutch* prizes, since the Wars concluded between our most Gracious Sovereign, and the *States of the United Provinces*, he pretends to have got a Commission from the *French King*, to make booty of what *Flemish* or *Spanish* Merchant-men he could meet with, but it seems if he saw an opportunity he never stood to inquire, whence or whose your Ship but according to the Proverbe, counted all Fish that came to his Net.

For about a moneth since being abroad a Cruising to the *No shwards* with three and twenty stout resolute fellowes fit for his purpose aboard him, he met with a large Ship of our own belonging to *London* of about 500. Tunns, coming home from *Normay* laden with *deal*, All or the most part of her Carge belonging to one Captain *Shorter*, a very honest worthy Gentleman, living near the *Barge-house*, on the *Bankside*, This vessel they Attacqued, and soon boarded her, and made themselves Masters of her, which being done they took Eighteen men that they found Aboard her, and without any respect to them as they were their fellow Subjects, or the least appearance of humanity or compassion, put them into a small Pinke which they had taken before and rifled, but first took away all her Tackling, and so without any food to sustaine them, or Compals to direct them, or Tackling to assist them, most barbarously committed all those

eighteen Souls to the mercy of the Ocean, at a Considerable distance from any Shore, where they must certainly, and Inevitably have Perisht, either being famished, or Cast away, or Split to peices, had not God in his most Gracious providence preserved them, and sent them Relief: for after they had been Tost and Driven to and fro at the pleasure of the wind and waves, for above two days, and two nights, a *Dutch* Ship Salling by, upon their making signes and complaints of their fall Condition took them in, and set them the next day on Shore in *Nor-folke*.

In the mean time the Jovial Pirate with his fatal booty makes all sail to the *North-wards*, and in few day's arrives at *Aberdeen*, where he Carries in the Merchant-man, and confidently relates, that he found her floating on the Sea with no person aboard her, near the Shore, and that he supposed she might run a ground in a late Tempest, and thereupon all her men abandoned her, and that afterwards the wind veering about she might work her self off again; but to what part she belonged they know not; but pretended her to be an *Hollander*, which seemed more probable, because she was *Dutch* built, being taken in the former War, and that they having a *French* Commission, and meeting her as aforesaid, She was lawful Prize, All her bills of Lading being made away on purpose to favour the design.

At *Aberdeen* they remained some time, and pretending a present want of money, borrowed two Hundred and nineteen pounds upon a part of the Deals, and so wile out again to Sea, intending to come in again in few day's and

and make Sale of the Ship and the rest of her Lad-
ing.

But the poor men whom they so exposed to destruction, as aforesaid, being as we have said, got safe to Land, Immediately post up to *London*, and acquaint their owners with their unhappy disaster, and withall describe the Ship, and persons that did it. Hereupon Advertisements were sent abroad to all the neighbouring Ports of *England*, *Scotland*, *Ireland*, *France*, and *Holland*, relateing the marks of the ship so unduely taken, and desireing that if she were brought into any Port, she might be secured, This coming to *Aberdeen*, they found all Circumstances agree so exactly, that they could not but Conclude this to be the very Ship intended, and thereupon His Royal Highness Officers thereof the Admiralty Seized her, and gave notice thereof last week in the *Gazzet*, For Master *Sborter*, or others concerned to prove their Right.

Our piratical Caper having by some means got some intelligence of those proceedings, resolves to come no more at *Aberdeen*, but stands away directly for the *Thames*, and boldly comes into Lee in *Essex*, to wash and Tallowe, with he did, and lying on shore with his ships Crew for some time, Spent their mony at a most extravagant rate, as indeed they might well afford, if they might but have been Suffered to goe on with their Trade. But, alas ! the Squib is now almost run to the End of the rope, and they mu't come to Account for their unjust Actions for notice being given of Such persons being at Lee, the Marshall belonging to the Admiralty is ordered to goe downe to

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Seize them ; but came to late, for they were just Sail'd out of Lee River downe to the Buoy in the Nore, and So beloved had they made themselves by their generous Spending in the Towne, that Scarce any body there would either beleive or assist him ; Hereupon he got two of his Majesties Yatches to pursue them, and the wind haveing for two days been contrary, they were not got forth to Sea, but were by them overtaken near the Buoy in the Nore aforesaid, and the Captaine and Twelue of his men were abord taken Prisoners, & Sent up to the Marshalseas in Southwark, the usuall place of Confinement for Malefactors tryable by the Court of Admiralty, tis expceted they will shortly be brought to Tryall, Tis doubted whether they had any Freuch Commission at all, but if they had it was all as bad, Since they could have noe pretence by vertue of that to take an English Shipp, besides tis well knowne that his Sacred Majesties foreseeing in his princely wis-dome the Inconveniences likely to arise, was graciously pleased Some time cence to publish his Royall Pro-clamation, strictly prohibiting All his Subjects from, Serving any foraigne Prince or State ;

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